

Listing of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. **(Currently amended)** A process for preparing a thin film on a high stalk extrusion line, said process comprising:
 - (a) extruding a blend through an annular die to form a molten material tube, said blend comprising:
 - (i) a linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE) which has a density within the range of about 0.90 to about 0.93 g/cc and an MI₂ within the range of about 0.5 to about 50 dg/min; and
 - (ii) a high molecular weight ~~polyethylene selected from a~~ high density polyethylene (HMW-HDPE) which has a density within the range of about 0.95 to about 0.97 g/cc and an MI₂ within the range of about 0.01 to about 0.5 dg/min or a high molecular weight, medium density polyethylene (HMW-MDPE);
in a weight ratio of (i)/(ii) greater than or equal to 50/50; and
 - (b) pulling the molten material tube around a ~~fixed~~ flexible internal orientation device (FIOD) to form the film; wherein the film has a thickness of 0.5 mil or less.
2. **(Original)** The process of claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of (i)/(ii) is greater than or equal to 60/40.
3. **(Original)** The process of claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of (i)/(ii) is greater than or equal to 70/30.
4. **(Cancelled).**
5. **(Cancelled).**
6. **(Cancelled).**
7. **(Cancelled).**
8. **(Cancelled).**
9. **(Cancelled).**

10. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein the film has a machine-direction tear of 18 grams or greater.
11. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein the film has a machine-direction tear of 40 grams or greater.
12. (Currently amended) A thin film produced by the process of claim 1, ~~from a blend that consists essentially of:~~
 - (a) ~~from about 20 wt % to about 80 wt % of a high molecular weight, medium density polyethylene (HMW MDPE) that has a density within the range of about 0.93 to about 0.95 g/cc, an MI₂ within the range of about 0.01 to about 0.5 dg/min, an MFR within the range of about 50 to about 300, and a multimodal molecular weight distribution comprising a low molecular weight component and a high molecular weight component wherein the low molecular weight component has an MI₂ from about 50 to about 600 dg/min and a density from about 0.94 to about 0.97 g/cc; and~~
 - (b) ~~from about 20 wt % to about 80 wt % of a linear low density polyethylene that has a density within the range of about 0.90 to about 0.93 g/cc and an MI₂ within the range of about 0.5 to about 50 dg/min.~~
13. (Original) The film of claim 12 wherein the LLDPE is a copolymer of ethylene with an alpha-olefin selected from the group consisting of propylene, 1-butene, 1-pentene, 1-hexene, 1-octene, 4-methyl-1-pentene, and mixtures thereof.
14. (Original) The film of claim 12 wherein the LLDPE is a copolymer of ethylene with 1-hexene.
15. (Cancelled).
16. (Cancelled).
17. (Cancelled).
18. (Cancelled).
19. (Cancelled).
20. (Original) The process of claim 12 wherein the film has a machine-direction tear of 18 grams or greater.

21. (Original) The process of claim **12** wherein the film has a machine-direction tear 40 grams or greater.

22. (Cancelled).